MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN : 51,172 Paras and 1 1/4 edangalies of paddy till 17-5-1119.

Paddy Lands.

24. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that lands where paddy used to be grown formerly are now being utilised for growing money crops other than food crops : and

(*b*) if so, how many acres are thus used for other cultivation ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Government have no definite information as to the extent of such conversions though there may be lands where sugarcane, bananas and cocoanut trees are being cultivated in certain areas where paddy was grown.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of reply to part (*a*).

Paddy production.

25. * MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavancode*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps during the present year to increase the output of paddy in the taluks of :

(1) Thovala.
(2) Agastiswaram.
(3) Kalkulam, and
(4) Vilavancode.

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture*) : Arrangements have been made for the sale of manures such as Bonemeal and Groundnut cake through Manure Depots specially started with a view to increase the output of paddy.

Distribution of Paddy.

26. * MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the whole paddy purchased by them from the Travancore ryotsup to the end of Karkadagom 1118 have been distributed or sold ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN : No.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know why the paddy was not distributed ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN : Most of the paddy was distributed. There is only a small balance of a lakh of paras left on 17-8-1119. It may be remembered that we purchased about 37 lakhs of paras.

Applications for ration cards.

27. * MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the householders who *do not require* supply of any rationed articles under the ration scheme are required to file applications for ration cards ; and

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